

# Focus on Fifth

Weekly News for Holmes Fifth-Grade Families

News and Events in the 5th Grade

November 2, 2015

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## Important Dates

November 6 - Trivia Night - Sponsored by PTO

November 10-12 - FREE Dental Clinic

November 13 - Outdoor Ed permission slip and payment due

November 30 - December 1 - Outdoor Education Field Trip

## News

### Dental Clinic

FREE, For ALL Students, EASY!

What: The Dental Clinic

Where: Holmes School

When: November 10,11,12, during the school day

Who: The Children's Clinic of Oak Park

How: A permission/registration form was sent home, complete, and return

The fine print: This service is offered to EVERYONE. Your child will be out of class approximately 20-30 minutes. The care includes teeth cleaning and an examination by one of the dentists at The Children's Clinic of Oak Park. If you did not receive a registration form, call the school office and we will send another one home ([708-524-3100](tel:708-524-3100)). Any other questions, please call the school office.

### First Grade Fundraiser

Holmes School's First Graders are planning to give back this December with the Chicago-based, nonprofit organization, *Share Your Soles*. Please help us by sending dollar donations with your child. 100% of your donations go to *Share Your Soles*. The 1st grade team will use paper shoes to represent those students who participated in the fundraiser by displaying them on the 1st floor bulletin board. Check out *Share Your Soles* here: <http://shareyoursoles.org>

### Outdoor Education

This year's Outdoor Education experience will be held on November 30 - December 1. We will be travelling to the Lorado Taft Field Center in Oregon, Illinois. The cost for this overnight field trip is \$75, Signed permission slips and payment are **due November 13**. If you volunteered to chaperone this field trip, you should have received an email about scheduling fingerprinting and a background check. If you didn't receive the email, and you

want to chaperone, please contact Melissa Manuel at [mmanuel@op97.org](mailto:mmanuel@op97.org).

### **Typing Practice**

Students can log on to Typing Training from home to practice keyboarding skills. The Typing Training program is accessible from the District's website, and students should begin practicing keyboarding skills at home. The link is:

<http://www.op97.org/technology/Custom-Typing.cfm>

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### **SPECIAL AREA SUBJECTS- [holmesspecials.blogspot.com](http://holmesspecials.blogspot.com)**

#### **Art**

Our ceramics unit continues this week!

Follow Holmes Art on Instagram: [artatholmes](https://www.instagram.com/artatholmes)

~Ms. Jones ([kjones@op97.org](mailto:kjones@op97.org))

#### **Music**

Hopefully your child will be working on their recorder assignment this week either at school or at home. If they still need help make sure they come to the help session on Thursday. Please email me with questions at [akaria@op97.org](mailto:akaria@op97.org).

Special Dates this week

Thursday @ 11:45- Anyone interested in performing a special recorder part with the chorus

Thursday @ 12:15- Extra help for the recorder assignment

#### **Chorus**

If you ordered a T-shirt please send in \$7 cash or check to District 97 with your child's name in an envelope for Mrs. Karia.

#### **Spanish**

In Spanish we are about to wrap up our first story, Juan el Bombero, and making Imovies. To check for any further updates visit my [blog](#). Or email me at [afavela@op97.org](mailto:afavela@op97.org).

#### **Library, Reading Olympics**

The next Reading Olympics meeting will be Thursday, November 5th during recess. Students should be reading their books!

#### **Library**

This week we are continuing our research project on freshwater and the human effect on the hydrosphere. Students should have read all three articles and filled in their research form by Wednesday. Wednesday we will begin to synthesise what we have learned about how humans affect the hydrosphere and how we are protecting it. To access the articles for the research project, please go to the 5th grade library page: <http://www.op97.org/holmes/mediacenter/5th-Grade.cfm>  
Please email me with any questions! [mmaneck@op97.org](mailto:mmaneck@op97.org)

#### **Physical Education**

International Walk to School Day is October 7, 2015. For more details visit: [walkbiketoschool.org](http://walkbiketoschool.org)

#### **Reading/Literature**

This week in reading, we will continue working with this trimester's anchor text, *Bud, Not Buddy*. We will also continue focusing on identifying main ideas within informational texts about life during the Great Depression in order to deepen our understanding of that time period. Students will be taking home summative reading assessments this week and next week.

Please make sure there is a parent or guardian checking, and initialing, students' reading logs each night!

### **Writing**

We will continue to work on personal narratives. Students will participate in lessons centered around the idea of showing and not telling in their writing. For example, instead of writing "*I was so mad*" and student might write "*My jaw clamped shut and my face became as red as a tomato.*" Students will also focus on maintaining first person perspective as they write.

### **Math**

Graded Unit 1 assessments will be returned to students by the middle of next week. Today, we began our unit on volume. Over the course of this three-week unit, we will be learning different ways to determine the volume of a right rectangular prism. We will begin by using centimeter cubes to measure volume. There will be a short quiz on Friday covering what we discussed during the week. Note that for this unit, there is only one workbook. Both classwork and homework are in the gold workbook. The workbook is posted on the 5th grade wiki. Students should be bringing home their math workbook every night.

### **Science**

This week, we'll be focusing on the distribution of water and how humans use water resources. We will also be graphing the amounts and percentages of water and fresh water in various reservoirs. There will be several ties to [A Long Walk to Water](#) and a few student-led discussions about why fresh water is such a limited resource.

### **Social Studies**

In social studies we will continue to read a book called [A Long Walk to Water](#). It is about Sudanese refugees and their struggle to journey to safety.

We also will head back in time and study how Native American cultures were affected by their surrounding resources, or lack thereof. This work will be done in our Social Studies textbook. We will focus on four distinct regions: Southwest, Pacific Northwest, Plains, and Eastern Woodlands.

### **Word Study**

We will be reviewing the prefixes we have covered so far in Unit 1. Students will be taking a vocabulary assessment next week.

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